



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, September 30, 2007

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.1
Soil moisture supplies: 5% very short, 16% short, 67% adequate and 12% surplus

Field Crops Report
Scattered showers were received across the state last week. Producers were busy harvesting crops as weather permitted. Corn harvesting was completed. Harvesting of cotton remained behind the five-year average of 39 percent as scattered showers slowed progress. Rice and sorghum harvests were nearing completion. Soybean producers were busy harvesting with good yields being reported. Sugarcane harvesting began last week with 95 percent of the crop reported in fair to excellent condition. Sweet potato producers continued harvesting. Wheat producers were beginning to prepare land for planting.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Citrus producers were scouting crops. Strawberry producers were busy planting. Vegetable producers continued working crops. Crawfish producers were flooding ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
Cattlemen were preparing pastures for planting of ryegrass and finishing up second cutting of hay. Cattlemen were also busy marketing spring born calves.

| PERCENT OF PROGRESS | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|------|----------|
| CROP | STAGE | Current Week | Last Week | 2006 | 5 YR AVG |
| Corn | Harvested | 100 | 98 | 100 | 100 |
| Cotton | Bolls Opening | 97 | 91 | 100 | 96 |
| | Harvested | 15 | 7 | 56 | 39 |
| Hay | Second Cutting | 99 | 99 | 99 | 98 |
| Pecans | Harvested | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rice | Harvested | 99 | 97 | 99 | 96 |
| Sorghum | Harvested | 98 | 94 | 100 | 98 |
| Soybeans | Turning Color | 98 | 93 | 97 | 90 |
| | Dropping Leaves | 92 | 86 | 92 | 79 |
| | Harvested | 65 | 50 | 78 | 59 |
| Sugarcane | Planted | 95 | 90 | 92 | 95 |
| | Harvested | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Sweet Potatoes | Harvested | 35 | 20 | 38 | 38 |

| CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| ITEM | VERY POOR | POOR | FAIR | GOOD | EXCELLENT |
| Cotton | 0 | 8 | 27 | 65 | 0 |
| Sugarcane | 0 | 5 | 28 | 44 | 23 |
| Livestock | 1 | 4 | 31 | 57 | 7 |
| Vegetables | 9 | 26 | 39 | 24 | 2 |
| Pasture | 2 | 8 | 38 | 47 | 5 |

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 09/24/07 TO 09/30/07

| | | AIR | | | | PRECIPITATION | | | |
|------------------|------------------|-------------|------|-----|-----|---------------|-------|--------|-------|
| | | TEMPERATURE | | | | WEEKLY | FOUR | YR. TO | |
| | | MAX | MIN | AVG | NRM | TOTAL | WEEKS | DATE | NORM |
| 1. Northwest | | | | | | | | | |
| | LSU-Bossier City | 91 | 59 | 78 | 72 | 1.74 | 2.54 | 38.43 | 37.73 |
| | Minden | 89 | 61 | 77 | 72 | 0.28 | 1.71 | 44.35 | 40.85 |
| | Mooringsport | 89 | 59 | 78 | MM | 0.12 | 0.54 | 41.63 | 34.19 |
| | Extreme/Average | 91 | 59 | 77 | 72 | 0.71 | 1.60 | 41.47 | 38.75 |
| 2. North-Central | | | | | | | | | |
| | LSU-Calhoun | 89 | (57) | 75 | 73 | 0.36 | 2.64 | 34.98 | 41.20 |
| | Homer/Hill Farm | 89 | 61 | 76 | 71 | 0.62 | 1.85 | 37.79 | 41.23 |
| | ULM-Monroe | 90 | 62 | 77 | 73 | 1.96 | 3.47 | 31.85 | 42.75 |
| | Colmubia Lock | 89 | 61 | 76 | MM | 1.53 | 5.16 | 36.53 | 44.31 |
| | Extreme/Average | 90 | 57 | 76 | 72 | 1.12 | 3.28 | 35.29 | 42.14 |
| 3. Northeast | | | | | | | | | |
| | Lake Providence | 89 | 61 | 76 | 73 | 1.02 | 4.21 | 36.04 | 43.48 |
| | LSU-St Joseph | 91 | 65 | 79 | 73 | 1.32 | 5.41 | 42.22 | 42.32 |
| | LSU-Winnsboro | 91 | 65 | 78 | 73 | 1.05 | 5.56 | 43.22 | 41.63 |
| | Tallulah | 91 | 65 | 77 | 72 | 0.45 | 4.64 | 31.50 | 43.60 |
| | Extreme/Average | 91 | 61 | 77 | 73 | 0.96 | 4.96 | 40.49 | 42.70 |
| 4. West-Central | | | | | | | | | |
| | Leesville | 91 | 59 | 77 | 73 | 0.91 | 3.67 | 37.19 | 42.61 |
| | LSU-Rosepine | 89 | 67 | 78 | 74 | 1.81 | 5.91 | 45.42 | 43.68 |
| | Natchitoches | 91 | 59 | 78 | 74 | 0.13 | 0.95 | 30.21 | 40.25 |
| | Extreme/Average | 91 | 59 | 78 | 73 | 0.95 | 3.51 | 37.61 | 41.47 |
| 5. Central | | | | | | | | | |
| | Alexandria | 90 | 61 | 77 | 75 | 0.52 | 4.93 | 39.67 | 44.47 |
| | Brusly | 91 | 66 | 77 | 74 | 1.83 | 8.25 | 46.43 | 48.88 |
| | Bunkie | 89 | 65 | 78 | 74 | 0.44 | 3.23 | 40.96 | 45.78 |
| | LSU-Alexandria | 90 | 60 | 76 | 74 | 1.15 | 8.15 | 43.09 | 43.31 |
| | Extreme/Average | 91 | 60 | 77 | 74 | 0.99 | 6.14 | 43.49 | 45.16 |
| 6. East-Central | | | | | | | | | |
| | Franklinton 5SW | 90 | 66 | 79 | MM | 0.84 | 1.76 | 27.66 | MM.MM |
| | LSU-Baton Rouge | 91 | 68 | 79 | 75 | 0.96 | 4.66 | 43.30 | 47.88 |
| | LSU-Clinton | 89 | 65 | 76 | 74 | 1.00 | 3.76 | 35.02 | 48.49 |
| | LSU-Hammond | 91 | 62 | 79 | 74 | 0.29 | 2.59 | 38.18 | 50.30 |
| | Slidell | 90 | 68 | 79 | 75 | 0.31 | 2.92 | 36.10 | 49.74 |
| | Extreme/Average | 91 | 62 | 78 | 74 | 0.68 | 3.14 | 36.31 | 50.23 |
| 7. Southwest | | | | | | | | | |
| | De Ridder | 89 | 67 | 79 | 74 | 0.30 | 8.84 | 54.47 | 45.28 |
| | Jennings | 90 | 68 | 80 | 75 | 0.81 | 7.70 | 51.42 | 45.87 |
| | LSU-Crowley | 91 | 68 | 80 | 75 | 0.34 | 4.32 | 51.34 | 45.95 |
| | Extreme/Average | 91 | 67 | 79 | 75 | 0.48 | 6.95 | 52.41 | 46.65 |
| 8. South-Central | | | | | | | | | |
| | Donaldsonville | 89 | 68 | 78 | 75 | 1.33 | 3.39 | 43.81 | 48.45 |
| | LSU-Jeanerette | 90 | 69 | 79 | 74 | 0.46 | 6.71 | 48.72 | 49.08 |
| | Morgan City | 89 | 72 | 80 | 76 | 0.88 | 3.13 | 38.90 | 51.80 |
| | Extreme/Average | 90 | 68 | 79 | 76 | 0.89 | 4.41 | 43.81 | 49.53 |
| 9. Southeast | | | | | | | | | |
| | Galliano | 88 | 71 | 80 | 76 | 0.37 | 3.71 | 38.33 | 53.13 |
| | Houma | (92) | 67 | 79 | 76 | 2.32 | 4.07 | 45.05 | 51.61 |
| | Terrytown 3S | 91 | 73 | 82 | MM | 0.62 | 2.76 | 47.58 | MM.MM |
| | Reserve | 91 | 69 | 80 | 75 | 2.26 | 7.31 | 60.48 | 51.93 |
| | Extreme/Average | 92 | 67 | 80 | 77 | 1.39 | 4.46 | 47.86 | 51.35 |
| State | | | | | | | | | |
| | State Averages | 92 | 57 | 78 | 74 | 0.91 | 4.56 | 42.75 | 45.60 |

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through September 30, 2007

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